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WAKE UP, MISSOURI!

Columbia has just been the mobilization center of many of the state's best products. Here we have seen the prize-winning material of Missouri, products that score high, and we have heard of better ways to do things, ways which will bring the average score higher.

"Better" is a significant word. Missouri as a whole scores high, but she is not yet the prize-winner. Her resources are abundant, but there are too many poor spots which can be bettered and which at present cut down her score. Missourians in lauding the good things of the state are apt to forget the others.

Wake up, Missouri! Make those disqualifying spots better, and boost your score nearer the perfect mark.

A war dispatch states that a new Russian army is advancing on the German line near Thorn, in West Prussia. It is a safe wager that the conflict will prove a "thorn in the flesh" of one of the contenders.

KILLING KING DRUG.

The Harrison bill for the suppression of illicit trade in habit-forming drugs has passed the House, after having been in Congress more than two years. The first and second Harrison bills passed both houses at a previous session. The third measure, to regulate the interstate sale of opium and cocaine preparations, passed both houses last summer, but on account of conflicting amendments was referred to a conference committee. This committee agreed on a report which was adopted by the Senate.

The bill as agreed on by the conference committee and as finally passed exempts the dispensing or distribution by physicians of drugs containing opium or cocaine leaves or any of their derivatives, provided the physician keeps a record of all drugs dispensed. Physicians and all others buying drugs must order them on forms to be issued by the Commission of Internal Revenue. But physicians' prescriptions are specifically exempt. This last clause is one of the best of the bill. It keeps out fakers who pose as physicians.

When the illegal traffic in habit-forming drugs, and the liquor business, are wiped out together, America will stand a better show of leading the world in civilization.

The latest improved addition to the "Billy" Sunday meetings is a check-room for babies. After the sermon the mother presents her check to the trained nurse in charge and receives her child, which has been cared for as well as if she had done it herself.

SIX-CENT BREAD.

Now's the time to set a china cup aside on a shelf in the cupboard and begin to drop all the coppers which come your way into it. You are likely to need them soon, unless you are willing to eat potato-stuffed loaves. And unless the investigation started by President Wilson into the rising price of wheat keeps dough from rising until it pushes the cover off the bread pan.

Attorney General Gregory has been directed to start an inquiry on a national scale to ascertain whether or not there has been any violation of law in connection with the skyrocketing prices of wheat and flour. Every United States district attorney will now begin investigating the why of the high prices.

May wheat fell in Chicago from \$1.45 a bushel, the top price so far, to \$1.40 Saturday. There was confusion on the floor of the exchange. Board of Trade members say it is not unnatural

speculation, but the situation in Europe, which is giving the tickers hysterics. Foreign governments, they say, want not only to get an ample supply of foodstuffs for immediate wants, but also to acquire a supply for future needs.

Russia prohibits exports. The supplies of wheat in Argentina have been exhausted during the last few months. America is the only place to which these nations can come to get their orders filled. Competitive buying on the largest scale ever seen in the United States market is the result. This is the explanation of the high prices given by an official of the Chicago Board of Trade. Grain men say the farmers are now holding their wheat and that the ordinary speculator is playing the part of onlooker.

If this explanation holds, then it probably means six-cent bread soon. There is one remedy—an embargo on wheat. But such a measure probably would come as a last desperate means for preventing a bread famine. The bakers are calling for relief. A cup of pennies in the cupboard may prove a good investment.

THE NEW BOOKS

"Neighbors."

A collection of true short tales from the life of the "other half" make up "Neighbors" by Jacob A. Riis, formerly social reformer and civil worker, "New York's most useful citizen," as he was called by former President Theodore Roosevelt.

The short pages torn from the life-book of our financially poor are taken from Mr. Riis' own experiences during the many years he was a tenement worker and from those of other settlement workers with whom Mr. Riis labored. Smiles there are in the chapters of the book, but behind the smiles is a lingering strain of pathos. To read them makes one feel a nearer relation to our less fortunate.

(The MacMillan Company, New York, 1914; 209 pages, cloth bound, half-tone illustrations, back embossed in gold; \$1.25 net.)

The Literary Trawler

Lost yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever.—Horace Mann.

One Good Story

Two Irishmen arranged to fight a duel with pistols. One of them was distinctly stout, and when he saw his lean adversary facing him he raised an objection. "Bedad!" he said, "I'm twice as big a target as he is, so I ought to stand twice as far away from him as he is from me." "Be aisy now," replied his second. "I'll soon put that right." Taking a piece of chalk from his pocket he drew lines down the stout man's coat, leaving a space between them. "Now," he said, turning to the other man, "fire away, ye spalpeen, and remember that any hits outside that chalk line don't count."

REGISTRATION NOTICE.

Day-Hour Programs for freshmen and sophomores in the College of Arts and Science will be distributed in the main corridor of Academic Hall at the periods mentioned below:

Thursday, January 28, from 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M.
Friday, January 29, from 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M.
Saturday, January 30, from 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

These Day-Hour Programs state the hours at which students will be registered, and it is essential that each student secure one at the time and place mentioned above. If students will carefully follow the instructions printed on the Day-Hour Program, they will find registration a simple matter. They should fill out their programs before going to the Auditorium on February 1 and 2, paying special attention to the removal of all entrance conditions within a year from the date of their entrance into the University.

J. C. JONES,
Dean College of Arts and Science.

STUDY ERRORS IN GRAMMAR

700 Pounds of Written Work by Children Has Been Collected.

The ward schools of Kansas City have been studied under the direction of Dean W. W. Charters of the School of Education of the University, to find what grammatical errors children make. A bulletin containing a full report of the study will be issued in about six weeks. Prof. J. H. Coursault is editing the bulletin.

Seven hundred pounds of original written work by the pupils has been collected. The principals and teachers of the schools have noted grammatical errors of the pupils in their conversation. All these mistakes will be classified in the bulletin.

"The purpose of the study," said Doctor Coursault, "is to work out a system of grammatical rules especially adapted to correct these mistakes. Under the present system the pupil is forced to learn many rules of grammar which he never breaks."

TO BE A JOURNALIST

Irvin S. Cobb Says There Is No Such Thing as a Born Writer.

When Irvin S. Cobb was asked by Yale men how to succeed in the business of writing, he said:

"I don't think there is such a thing as a born writer. I don't believe any literary rooster was ever hatched that could crow the day he pipped the shell. I do think there are some who are born not to be writers. Writing is a trade to be learned—like bricklaying, for instance. As in any other trade, some learn it faster and some learn it better than others.

"From my observation," continued Mr. Cobb, "I should say that a college education neither makes nor mars a man if he is born to be a newspaper man. I do not say born a newspaper man. I am sorry I did not get a chance to go to college, for I believe it rounds out a man's life, when he is at a period when he is particularly responsive to the peculiarly beneficial influences of the college life and is enthusiastic for mere living.

"As for the regular schools for journalism I think they are without doubt justifying themselves. I don't think any one could be graduated from one of them and at once become a finished newspaper man, but I do think he would stand a better chance eventually of becoming one than a man of equal ability who had not taken such a course.

One of the first fields to which the literary aspirant turns is newspaper work. And it's a bully game; though perhaps not as a life work, unless a man intends to specialize in some one of its branches. I do not know any trade where a man sees more angles of life than as a reporter. It is certainly the most attractive, the most fascinating and the poorest paid trade in the world.

"To be a good reporter is to enter the most useful form of endeavor that a so-called literary career can assure. Novelists and short story writers are common, essayists are also numerous, as are dramatic critics and the like, but good reporters are the scarest and most valuable things in the newspaper business today.

"Some of the greatest things ever written were written in a rush to catch an edition. I think that without doubt the best thing I ever wrote was a story in a daily paper. Probably no one remembers it but me, but I know I have never done anything better.

"I think the best natural asset a reporter can have to start with is a good memory, with some of the features of a card index to it—a classifying memory with a power for reproducing what has been entrusted to it. If a reporter is not naturally endowed with such a memory I should advise him above all to do his best to cultivate one."

MAY TEACH BEE RAISING HERE

Agricultural Society Formed Last Week Seeks Recognition.

Some of the leading bee-keepers of the state met during Farmers' Week and organized the Missouri Apicultural Society. This society will endeavor to have methods of handling bees taught at the College of Agriculture. It is probable that an apiary will be installed on the College Farm. According to the last census there are in Missouri over 41,000 bee-keepers, having 302,569 colonies of bees worth \$584,549. The annual honey product is worth \$769,000.

TIME TO BEGIN GARDENS

January the Month to Clean Off Ground and Order Seeds.

January is not too early to begin making preparations for a city garden. The rubbish should be off the ground and if it has not been plowed already this should be done as soon as the weather permits. If it has been plowed a light dressing of manure will help.

Seed houses are usually so rushed

in the spring that an order for seed at their busy season may be delayed for some time. Since it is so important to plant many vegetables as early as possible, this delay should be forestalled by ordering the seed now.

Plants to be used in the garden should be ordered at once. It is well to start tomatoes, cabbage, egg plant, lettuce, peppers, celery and cauliflower from plants. Tomato and bean poles should be secured now.

PRIZE CORN COST 12 CENTS

Now Missouri Boy Expects \$2 a Bushel for Big Acre Yield.

Oscar Lenhart, who won the first prize of the Missouri Corn Growers' Association for an acre yield in Southern Missouri, with a production of 84 bushels and 45 pounds, estimates that his corn on that acre of ground cost him 12 cents a bushel. He expects to sell much of it next spring for \$2 a bushel for planting. It could be sold now, he says, at 75 cents a bushel.

This prize yield was made on ground that had been in clover for two years before it was planted to corn last May. It was plowed three times with a two-horse cultivator. Seventy-five pounds of commercial fertilizer was applied just before the corn was cultivated the last time.

Mr. Lenhart raised twenty-two acres of corn this year. He is 17 years old and has lived all his life on a farm near New Hamburg in Scott County. He hopes to take the short course in agriculture in the University next year.

SEEN TWICE IN ONE PICTURE

Leonard Coatsworth, Freshman, Appears at Both Ends of Photograph.

The likeness of Leonard Coatsworth, a freshman in the College of Arts and Science, may be found twice in the panoramic view of the visitors here during Farmers' Week, taken just east of Academic Hall.

Mr. Coatsworth stood at one end of the bleachers, which had been erected for the accommodation of the crowd, and was photographed by the revolving camera. By hurriedly running around behind the crowd, he was able to take a seat at the opposite end before the lens of the camera pointed in that direction, and was again photographed when the camera reached that point. In the picture he is standing at the left side with a large book in his hand. He wore a cap and may easily be identified as the same person seated, with a large book in his hand, at the right side of the picture.

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BUSINESS MEN TAKE GYM

Twenty are Taking Work in Normal School Under Former Tiger.

By United Press.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Jan. 19.—Twenty "tired business men" of Kirksville today are members of a "school" class at the Normal school, and are learning to touch the floor with their finger tips with rigid knees, "chin" themselves and do other stunts common to "gym" routine.

The men are enrolled for a course in calisthenics under director McWilliams of the physical training department, formerly a Tiger football player. The class goes through the paces prescribed for the students twice a week.

New Year Golf Tournament Opens.

By United Press.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 19.—The new year golf tournament opened here today with unusually large representation of golf races and a big gallery of tourists.

WHO WOULDN'T WANT AN "I"?

Engineering Class Decides That Student Making Best Grade Must Treat.

In one class in the University there is at least some consolation for those who do not get the highest grade.

The junior electrical engineers recently established the rule that the one who makes the highest grade in the class on each quiz must treat the rest of the class.

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